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TEASER

EXT. BEACH - DAY

A pleasant day at the beach. Panning shot of families having a good time, having picnics, building a sand castle, etc. Several kids are tossing around a beachball. We HEAR <shouts of laughter> and <general merrymaking>. We TRACK WITH the beachball as it arcs and then thumps off the head of

a KIDS
<playing walla>

KEVIN

Seated on the beach, wearing swim trunks and a t-shirt. He looks normal. He <GRUNTS> from the impact, picks up the beachball as a KID (from "Singlehanded") approaches.

b KEVIN
Oooofff...

1 KID
Hey! Can we have our ball back?

A loud POP as the beachball DEFlates in Kevin's grasp. He tosses the deflated remains of the beachball to the kid.

2 KEVIN
Sure, kid. Here y'go.

PULL BACK TO REVEAL BEN, in swim trunks, and a bathing suit-clad GWEN, dozing (apparently) with a book covering her face, all of them on towels. Ben is sipping a Mr. Smoothy.

3 BEN
Nice, Kevin. What next? Kicking puppies?

4 KEVIN
This little outing was your idea. So just lie there and work on your Ben tan.

5 BEN
Okay, I'll tan and you lighten up.

6

KEVIN

No one's the boss of me, Tennyson.
Remember that..

Gwen lifts the book and says sweetly...

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GWEN

Please lighten up, Kevin?

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KEVIN

(instantly)

Okay, Gwen.

Ben looks from Gwen to Kevin and <SNICKERS>.

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BEN

<SNICKERS>

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KEVIN

(challengingly)

What? What are you thinking?

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BEN

I'm not thinking anything.

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GWEN

I can vouch for that. Hey, anybody
want to get me a bottle of water?

Kevin and Ben exchange looks. Neither wants to go.

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BEN

Rock, paper, scissors?

They pump three times and put out their hands, Kevin with paper, Ben with scissors.

14

KEVIN

Paper!

15

BEN (OVERLAPPING)

Scissors!

And suddenly there are <SCREAMS> as from out of the water
looms a ROCK MONSTER. People are running.

15a

BEACH-GOERS

<screams>

Gwen, Kevin and Ben react with grim surprise.

16 GWEN
Rock.

FADE OUT.

END TEASER

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ACT ONE

EXT. BEACH - DAY - CLOSE ON - A SAND CASTLE

GWEN

unleashes an ENERGY SHIELD that encircles the monster. The monster WALKS THROUGH it, as if it were made of water.

19 GWEN

That's new.

The monster charges. Gwen hurls bolts that SPATTER off of the monster.

20 GWEN (CONT'D)
<efforts>

One of the bolts strikes

KEVIN

SHORTING OUT his ID mask, revealing his monstrous form.

21 KEVIN
Great.

22 GWEN
Sorry!

Ben activates the Omnitrix and is transformed into GOOP.

23 GOOP
Goop?!? I wanted Waybig!

GWEN

Continuing to have no luck slowing down the monster. And just before the Rock Monster gets to her, Kevin pounds the Rock monster with his hands shaped into mallets. The Rock Monster grabs Kevin, upends him and slams him headfirst into the sand, holding him there as Kevin struggles.

24 KEVIN
Ooof...<Muffled STRUGGLES>

And suddenly Goop leaps through the air and envelops the Rock Monster, which releases its grip on Kevin. The Rock Monster writhes, sizzling. It starts to dissolve.

25 GOOP
Gwen, check it out! Acid rock!

26 GWEN
Ben! Get clear, now!

27 GOOP
C'mon, Gwen, you worry too much--

Goop's voice trails off as he SEES...

A BLUE MYSTIC VORTEX

Has appeared in the air just to the right. It's drawing the both of them closer, closer...

28 GOOP (CONT'D)
(suddenly concerned)
--or...just enough...

And Goop leaps clear, hitting the water and sinking under it. The Omnitrix powers down and Ben emerges from the water.

THE ROCK MONSTER

is yanked into the Vortex, which then vanishes in on itself.

29 BEN
Magic vortex? Nice work, Gwen!

30 GWEN
Wasn't me.

GWEN

Helps Kevin haul his head out of the sand. He <COUGHS> violently. HE SEES the KID from earlier standing near.

31 KEVIN
<COUGHS> What are you looking at?

32 KID
It's okay! I totally get why you busted my beach ball. You're a superhero who's really a monster! Guys like you are always mean!

33 KEVIN
Why, you--!

34 GWEN
It's okay, Kevin. It's okay.

35 KEVIN
No, it's not.

Ben has come up behind Gwen, who is talking to Kevin.

36 GWEN
(to Kevin)
I don't know how to help you.

37 KEVIN
Why is that a surprise? You don't know how to do much of anything.

38 GWEN
What did you say?

39 KEVIN
I didn't ask you for any help. I'm
going to go fix my ID mask.

CHARMCASTER – CONTINUOUS

Looking on through a BLUE MYSTIC PORTAL, she's watching Ben and Gwen as in the previous scene.

CHARMCASTER

Smiles, she can work with this. There are two more Rock Monsters behind Charmcaster. She talks to them, but they don't react.

She watches angry Kevin stalk away from Gwen and Ben.

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CHARMCASTER (CONT'D)

Hmmm. Perhaps sending you to destroy her was too simple a revenge. After all, she stole my spellbook. The least I can do is steal something important to her.

CUT TO:

EXT. BURGER SHACK - NIGHT

Later. Kevin is sitting at a table working on an ID MASK with a small tool, his dinner neglected on a tray to the side of his workspace.

PULL BACK TO REVEAL

That we're watching this through one of Charmcaster's Blue mystic portals.

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CHARMCASTER

There he is....

Kevin fiddles with the mask some more. Whatever he does works, it crackles with energy. He puts the mask back on, TRANSFORMING into his human form.

CHARMCASTER

Still watching, smiles. Concentrating, she TRANSFORMS from her new, elfin appearance into a teen-aged version of her ORIGINAL DESIGN. Satisfied, she picks up a ROCK and TRANSFORMS it into a tennis ball, then mischievously tosses it THROUGH the portal.

EXT. BURGER SHACK

Kevin, now in hiuman form, picks up his ignored burger and a tennis ball bounces off his head, causing him to drop the burger.

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KEVIN

Ow! Figures. Did someone paint a target on my head or--?

He picks up the ball and looks up to SEE

CAROLINE

That's Charmcaster, in her original design, she's very attractive.

44 CAROLINE

I am so sorry! It just slipped out of my hand! I'm such a goof!

45 KEVIN

No, it's...okay.

He hands her the ball.

46 CAROLINE

I'm Caroline. Let me buy you another burger.

47 KEVIN

Kevin. And don't worry about it. I wasn't that hungry.

He walks off. Her eyes narrow.

KEVIN

Is about to get into his car, parked in the lot.

48 CAROLINE (O.S.)

Small block V8. Three hundred horsepower. And...what?

She walks INTO FRAME, running her hand over the hood.

49 CAROLINE (CONT'D)

Nitrous Tank for afterburners?

50 KEVIN

Liquid Oxygen. I like to go fast. You into cars?

51 CAROLINE

I could be in yours, if you ask me nice.

She smiles...charmingly. Kevin cocks an eyebrow.

EXT. A STREET - DAY

Kevin's car cruising along, whipping around a corner. Caroline in the passenger seat, Kevin driving. It pulls up to an intersection, stopping at a red light.

52 CAROLINE
It corners like a dream. Is there
anything this car *can't* do?

53 KEVIN
It's not submersible. But I'm
working on it.

54 CAROLINE
Ookay.

A YOUNG BOY

Playing a hand-held video game, not paying attention to the world around him, walks across the street against the light, and doesn't notice a truck bearing down on him. The trucker <HONKS>, brakes <SQUEALNG>. The boy looks up, freezes, eyes wide. He's toast. And suddenly he's LIFTED UP on a wave of blue magical energy and deposited on the far side of the street, out of harm's way, as the truck rolls past.

KEVIN

Looking in shock as we PULL BACK TO REVEAL Caroline, leaning half out of the car, her hand GLOWING BLUE. Obviously she was the source. The glow subsides.

55 CAROLINE (CONT'D)
We should talk.

56 KEVIN
Y'think?

THE BEACH - NIGHT

Kevin and Caroline are walking along the shoreline.

57 CAROLINE
I've been doing magic all my life.
Always had a knack for it.

She takes one of his hands into both of hers.

58 CAROLINE (CONT'D)
Kevin, promise you won't tell
anyone. If people knew the real me,
it would scare them.

59 KEVIN
I can relate.

60 CAROLINE
You sure can.

She reaches up and pulls off his ID Mask transforming him into his monstrous form.

61 KEVIN
How did you--?

62 CAROLINE
I know things.

She puts a hand to his face.

63 CAROLINE (CONT'D)
Like I know the real you, it's not
some mask. It's not even this.
What's inside you is what matters.

She leans forward to kiss him and he pulls away.

64 KEVIN
Look, I'm kinda seeing someone.

65 CAROLINE
She'll never know.

66 KEVIN
I would. And she would, too. You
think you can do magic? She's made
of magic.

Caroline reacts with surprise, taking this in.

67 CAROLINE
Made of magic?

Kevin turns, facing away from her, and then she says...

68 CAROLINE (CONT'D)
If she's so powerful, how come she
hasn't found a way to change you
back?

He looks surprised, having no answer, and suddenly Caroline APPEARS directly in front of him.

69 CAROLINE (CONT'D)
Maybe she figures as long as you're
a monster no other girl will be
interested. If I were your
girlfriend, I'd be working day and
night to cure you.

70 KEVIN
So how I look is important.

71 CAROLINE
Not to me.

And now she does kiss him, and his eyes GLAZE OVER, glowing blue. He is ensorcelled. They part and she smiles evilly.

EXT. GWEN'S HOUSE - NIGHT

Gwen and Ben are seated at curbside. Ben is drinking yet another Mr. Smoothy.

72 GWEN
This is ridiculous, I should never have listened to you. I should be helping Kevin cope with what's happened to him.

73 BEN
Cope, shmope.

74 GWEN
(sarcastic)
Wow. Can't argue that logic.

75 BEN
Hey, at least he's got no limits on going hero. I have to depend on the Omnitrix, which does what I want maybe half the time, plus it keeps timing out. Kevin should stop whining about how tough he has it.

76 GWEN
He's not whining, Ben. He just has a lot on his mind.

THE BEACH - NIGHT - CLOSE ON - KEVIN

Staring straight ahead, wide-eyed. Caroline's appearance SHIFTS back into our new Charmcaster design. One of her Stone Creatures walks into frame behind her.

77 CHARMCASTER
Your mind is a blank.

78 KEVIN
Totally.

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CHARMCASTER

You will bring Gwen Tennyson to the
Planetarium at midnight.

Charmcaster looks out at the water and the moon, talking to her creature.

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CHARMCASTER (CONT'D)

Taking her boyfriend was just the warm up. There, I will use the full power of concentrated moonlight, siphoned through a mystical field, to steal her very essence. By the time I'm done, there'll be nothing left of her.

Kevin has joined her.

81

KEVIN

She probably won't show up when I tell her that.

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CHARMCASTER

Don't tell her, you simpleton!

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KEVIN

Hey, gimme a break, my mind's a blank.

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CHARMCASTER

(exasperated)

Just bring her. Talk her into it. Make an excuse. Force her if you have to. Here.

She <SNAPS> her fingers and an AMULET appears in her hand. She drapes it around his neck.

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CHARMCASTER (CONT'D)

Here. It will protect you from her magic.

86

KEVIN

And if Ben tries to stop me?

87

CHARMCASTER

Destroy him.

88

KEVIN

(casually)

'Kay.

He walks away and she smiles.

FADE OUT.

END ACT ONE

ACT TWO

EXT. GWEN'S HOUSE - NIGHT - BEN & GWEN

Ben noisily finishes his drink, slurping his straw.

89 BEN
Trust me, Gwen. Give him some time
on his own and he'll feel better.

90 GWEN
Maybe you're right. I'll see you
tomorrow.

She starts heading in.

91 BEN
Aw, c'mon! It's early yet!

92 GWEN
I have to hit the books every
night.

93 BEN
Does it have to be every every
night--?

94 GWEN
Hey, Kevin!

Kevin is approaching them, not employing the mask.

95 GWEN (CONT'D)
Couldn't fix the ID mask?

96 KEVIN
I don't need it.

97 BEN
There y'go! That's the right idea!

Kevin walks up to her. He speaks in a flat, detached manner
that Gwen is noticing and that Ben is oblivious to.

98 KEVIN
Gwen, you should come with me.

99 GWEN
What? Why?

100 KEVIN
We could...go out to a stock car race.

101 GWEN
I don't like racing.

102 BEN
I do! Can I ride shotgun for a change?

He mimes steering the wheel.

103 BEN (CONT'D)
Man, I bet I could be a race driver. Vrooom!

104 GWEN
Have a good time.

She starts to turn away and Kevin grabs her firmly by the wrist.

105 GWEN (CONT'D)
Kevin!

106 KEVIN
I meant to say...we should...go on patrol. You and me.

107 GWEN
Since when do we--?

108 BEN
Awesome! We could drive around, and look for crimes to stop. Bank robberies, train robberies...
Robberies.
(beat)
We should totally go on patrol!

109 GWEN
Kevin, let go of my arm!

110 KEVIN
You need to come with me now. We're going to the Planetarium.

111 GWEN
What's wrong with you?

112 BEN

The planetarium? I love the planetarium! Laser shows! Rock music like our Grandparents listen to. Let's go!

Kevin picks him up and with one hand flings him across the street. Ben CRASHES HEADFIRST into a garbage can at curbside across the street.

113 BEN (CONT'D)
(flying CRY, then IMPACT)

KEVIN

Slings a startled Gwen over his shoulder.

114 GWEN
(GRUNT) Kevin, put me down!115 KEVIN
We're going to the Planetarium.
Have to be there by midnight.

He starts walking with her.

116 GWEN
Kevin! I don't want to hurt you!117 BEN (O.S.)
That makes one of us.

BEN

Coming up from behind the garbage can, with a banana peel, melon rind or similar garbage on his head and shoulders.

118 BEN (CONT'D)
Time for...Humongousaur!

He activates the Omnitrix and transforms into...

119 DIAMONDHEAD
Diamondhead!?
(beat)
Fine. I can work with this.

Diamondhead swings his arm back and lets fly rapid-fire with diamond javelins each about six feet long.

KEVIN

Is walking away with Gwen still slung over her shoulder. Her hands glow with globes of energy and suddenly the javelins land, thunk, thunk, one after another, until they've formed a circle around Kevin and Gwen. Kevin drops Gwen.

120 GWEN
Ooooof!

Kevin turns, yanks one of the spears out of the ground and charges toward Diamondhead with the spear like a lance.

GWEN

Stretches out her hands. She creates an energy wall blocking Kevin's path, and Kevin charges RIGHT THROUGH IT as if it's not even there.

121 GWEN (CONT'D)
Huh? Now he's running through my shields? What's going on?

Kevin slams the diamond javelin into Diamondhead, who simply reabsorbs it into his body.

122 DIAMONDHEAD
That all you got?

Kevin backs up creates vicious looking sledgehammers from his fists and repeatedly smashes them into the ground, <WHAM>, sending seismic shock waves rippling down the street. Diamondhead is flung into the air.

123 DIAMONDHEAD (CONT'D)
(Whoa!)

GWEN

Gestures, her hands glowing.

124 GWEN
Hang on, Ben!

...and creates an energy platform under Diamondhead catching him. Kevin charges forward, her mystic beams don't affect him aat all.

The platform dissolves, Diamondhead hits the ground and creates SHIELDS from either arm. Kevin attacks and Diamondhead deflects blow after blow using the shields.

126 KEVIN
(EFFORTS)

127 DIAMONDHEAD
(IMPACTS)

Kevin slams him too hard, knocking him to his back.

128 KEVIN/DIAMONDHEAD
(IMPACT)

Gwen throws bolts of energy against Kevin from behind, but none have any effect.

129 GWEN
(EFFORTS)

Kevin moves in for the kill but Diamondhead drives a foot up, planting it in Kevin's gut.

130 DIAMONDHEAD
Not so fast.

And a diamond coating radiates from Diamondhead's foot, enveloping Kevin's lower half, immobilizing him. Kevin struggles, trying to break free of the diamond coating. Gwen has drawn near and attempts to encircle Kevin's torso with energy bands but they melt as they touch him. SHE SEES--

130a KEVIN
<Struggles>

131 GWEN
Where'd that come from?

GWEN'S POV

Kevin's amulet glowing.

KEVIN

Breaks free, shattering the diamond covering holding him in place.

132 KEVIN
(STRAIN then RELEASE)

Diamondhead is ready to fire more diamond.

133 DIAMONDHEAD
Plenty more where

Ben reacts as the Omnitrix powers down and he reverts to Ben.

134 BEN

Can't you give a guy a little
warning?

Kevin grabs Ben, yanking him toward him.

135 BEN (CONT'D)

(Urk)

136 GWEN

Ben! Get that charm he's wearing
around his neck!

Ben grabs the visible loop of cord around Kevin's neck and yanks. The amulet flies free and lands at Gwen's feet. She STOMPS on it, shattering it. She stretches out a hand and a bolt of ENERGY slams into Kevin's face and chest, sending him flying.

137 KEVIN

(IMPACT, FLYING YELL and a second
IMPACT)

Kevin hits a tree, braces himself against it, and Gwen surrounds him with an energy band, immobilizing him. But he now looks and sounds bewildered, his voice back to normal.

138 KEVIN (CONT'D)

Uhm...someone wanna fill me in on
why I'm pinned to a tree?

DISSOLVE TO:

MOMENTS LATER

The three of them are facing each other, Kevin rubbing the back of his head.

139 BEN

Her name was Caroline?

140 KEVIN

Yeah. Silver-haired girl. Had
magical powers.

141 GWEN

Charmcaster. It has to be.

142 BEN

We haven't seen her since we were
kids. And she's obviously looking
for some payback.

(MORE)

BEN (CONT'D)
(curious)
Is she cute?

143 GWEN
Ben!

144 KEVIN
More than cute. Hot.

145 GWEN
Kevin!

146 KEVIN
I remember we were talking--

147 GWEN
About what?

148 KEVIN
(defensively)
Stuff. You know. It's all kind of
blurry after she kissed me.

149 GWEN
(annoyed)
She *kissed* you?

150 KEVIN
Yeah. I didn't mean to tell you
that part.

151 GWEN
Really.

She turns on her heel and heads off. Kevin and Ben exchange
looks.

152 BEN
That was a dumb thing to say.

153 KEVIN
Can't really argue with you there.

KEVIN'S CAR

Parked a short distance away. Gwen is sitting in the front
passenger seat, arms folded, looking resolutely ahead. Kevin
and Ben come up on either side, looking in.

154 GWEN
She wanted me at the planetarium at
midnight.

155 KEVIN

Yeah? So?

156 GWEN

So let's be there.

157 BEN

It's gotta be a trap.

158 GWEN

Bring it on.

EXT. PLANETARIUM - NIGHT

As Kevin's car pulls up.

159 KEVIN (V.O.)

It's not like I was kissing her.
Much. It was, like, eighty percent
her kissing me.

160 GWEN (V.O.)

You really need to be quiet now.

INT. THE PLANETARIUM DOME

Charmcaster is standing dead center. Her hand open, a small crystal globe is hovering above it, and Gwen's determined face is depicted in it.

161 CHARMCASTER

One minute to midnight. Perfect timing. Let's give them a rocky reception.

EXT. THE PLANETARIUM - MOMENTS LATER

As two ROCK MONSTERS advance on our heroes, Gwen throws an energy bolt that dissipates harmlessly against them.

162 GWEN

She's got them charmed against me.
My power is the substance of magic.
She's ready for anything I've got.

Gwen, creating energy shields, rises above the rock monsters, avoiding them. One of the rock monsters tries to reach for her and suddenly one of Kevin's distended, oversized fists slams into the Rock Monster, staggering it.

BEN

Sees the other monster coming right at him. He readies the Omnitrix...but it's glowing red, not powered up.

INT. THE PLANETARIUM DOME

Darkness, illuminated only by the fake stars in the dome. Gwen enters, glowing, looks around.

164 CHARMCASTER (V.O.)
Gwen Tennyson. I've been waiting
five years to say this...

Charmcaster appears at the far side of the Planetarium, her hands glowing.

165 CHARMCASTER (CONT'D)
I love what you've done with your
hair.

Gwen unleashes an energy stream and Charmcaster meets it head to head. The bolts crackle in the middle and Gwen slowly advances.

166 GWEN
(EFFORTS)

167 CHARMCASTER
(EFFORTS)

168 GWEN
You're losing, Charmcaster...

Charmcaster looks alarmed as Gwen's spell is drawing closer. Gwen gets to the middle of the Planetarium, and suddenly beams of light illuminate from the stars, forming a hexagonal constellation. The light streaks down, crisscrossing around her like a laser beam field.

169 CHARMCASTER
Overconfident much? You figured
with no runes on the floor, no
access to moonlight, I couldn't
possibly trap you.

The top of the dome irises open and a shaft of moonlight beams through, enveloping Gwen--and IMMOBILIZING HER.

170 CHARMCASTER (CONT'D)
Well, you were wrong. And the fun's
only just beginning.
(MORE)

22.

CHARMCASTER (CONT'D)

FADE OUT.

END ACT TWO

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ACT THREE

EXT. THE PLANETARIUM - NIGHT

A Rock monster is pursuing Ben, who is repeatedly hitting the Omnitrix and getting nothing.

173

BEN

Kevin! Omnitrix on the fritz...

KEVIN

Struggling in the grasp of a Rock Monster.

174

KEVIN

I'm kinda busy!

BEN

Is now facing the Rock Monster.

175

BEN

Hey! Here I am, making it easy.

The Monster swings a huge fist at him and Ben LEAPS to one side, REVEALING a fire hydrant. The Monster connects, busting the hydrant and a jet of water explodes from it, slamming into the Monster and knocking it back. Ben looks pleased with himself and suddenly HE SEES--

THE PLANETARIUM DOME

Is crackling with blue energy.

176

BEN (CONT'D)

Oh, that doesn't look good.

INT. PLANETARIUM DOME

Gwen is writhing, crying out, as WE SEE her very ESSENCE being drawn out of her and into Charmcaster.

177

CHARMCASTER

Kevin wasn't kidding! You're filled with manna!

178

GWEN

(SCREAMS)

AS Gwen writhes, her MANNA particularizes and rises into the moonbeam.

179

CHARMCASTER

It's so unfair! I worked my butt off for my power, and you were born made of magic! Well, I can control magic, which means I can control you! And what nature gives, I can take away!

With one final blinding flash of light, Gwen collapses. The energy floating in the moonlight surges into Charmcaster. She laughs and VANISHES.

179a

GWEN

<faints>

EXT. PLANETARIUM - NIGHT

Charmcaster APPEARS in a burst of light.

180

CHARMCASTER

Leave them, you useless piles of rock. They no longer matter.

The two Rock Monsters move to Charmcaster's side.

181

KEVIN

Where's Gwen!?

Kevin and Ben charge at Charmcaster and she casually bats them aside with a magical blast.

182

KEVIN/BEN

(IMPACTS)

183

CHARMCASTER

She's all yours. You're perfect for each other: All of you powerless to stop me. (laughs)

She LAUGHS, gestures, and she and the two Rock Monsters vanish.

INT. PLANETARIUM

Gwen is hauling herself to her feet.

184

GWEN

(MOANS) Stupid. Stupid, stupid, stupid.

Ben and Kevin are coming up behind her.

185 BEN
Are you okay?

186 GWEN
She stole all my power. How do you think I am?

187 BEN
Uh, weak?

Gwen ignores him, continuing her thought.

188 GWEN
I deserved this. I was too angry.

189 KEVIN
I can see how she would make you--

190 GWEN
I was angry with you!

191 KEVIN
Wait, me?

192 GWEN
No! Okay, yes, a little! I mean, why were you even hanging out with her?

193 KEVIN
Because I thought she liked me!

194 GWEN
And I don't?!

195 KEVIN
If you like me so much, how come you haven't bothered to find a way to change me back!

196 BEN
(warning)
Dude...!

197 KEVIN
After all, as long as I'm a monster, no other girl would want me! Right?

198 GWEN
(hurt and trying not to show it)
(MORE)

GWEN (CONT'D)
We are not having this
conversation. We're going after
Charmcaster. I have a plan.

199 KEVIN
Hold up. How do we know--?

200 BEN
Kevin, let's go.

201 KEVIN
I don't think so. Not this time.

CUT TO:

EXT. ROOFTOP - NIGHT

Kevin is sitting on the edge of the roof, feet dangling off the edge. CHARMCASTER APPEARS in a flash of mystic energy. Kevin rases his hands.

202 KEVIN
See? No tricks, just like I said.

203 CHARMCASTER
You can't trick me, Kevin. I can see everything you do. Now what do you want?

204 KEVIN
Okay. I totally get that you were just using me to get at Gwen. But the stuff you said...it made sense. So I was hoping we could, y'know--

205 CHARMCASTER
(incredulous)
You're asking me out? I don't date the good guys.

206 KEVIN
I'm not a good guy, I just helped Ben so I could hang out with his cousin. But if she doesn't really like me, what's the point? Even with the tiny bit of power she has left--

207 CHARMCASTER
(suspicious)
Wait--she has power left? I thought
I drained her dry!

208 KEVIN
It's not enough to matter.

209 CHARMCASTER
Any power she has left belongs to
me.

CUT TO:

MR. SMOOTHY - NIGHT

Ben and Gwen are there, Ben drinking a Mr. Smoothy. A PARKED TRUCK is in the background.

210 GWEN
How can you keep all those Mr.
Smoothies down?

211 BEN
Years of practice.

212 CHARMCASTER (O.S.)
Enjoy it, Ben.

CHARMCASTER, KEVIN, TWO ROCK MONSTERS

Descending from overhead via her blue power.

213 CHARMCASTER (CONT'D)
It's your last.

She lands and her eyes GLOW blue.

CHARMCASTER'S POV - GWEN

Seen as an outline, like thermal imaging.

214 CHARMCASTER
Wait...she doesn't have any power
left!

BACK TO SCENE

As she whirls to face Kevin, who grins lopsidedly.

215 KEVIN
Oh, yeah. I was lying.

216 CHARMCASTER
Well I'm telling the truth: I'm
going to destroy you all! *Actum!*

She gestures and blue energy brings THE TRUCK TO LIFE. The truck hurtles forward, slamming into Kevin.

217 KEVIN
<IMPACT>

BEN AND GWEN

Reacting with alarm.

218 BEN
Kevin!

219 CHARMCASTER
And that's not all! *Actum! Eradico!*

Her energy hits the Mr. Smoothy sign and the Mr. Smoothy figure steps out of the picture as a 3-D giant Cup!

Ben twists the Omnitrix, but before he can activate it, a sudden, repeated THUDDING, like a T-Rex heading their way, catches their attention. Ben's eyes widen. It's--

MR. SMOOTHY

The giant one off the sign, having come to life, stomping toward them and firing huge streams of smoothie out of its straw.

BEN

Grins like a madman. He twists the Omnitrix again.

220 BEN
Please...for once..

He slams the Omnitrix and TRANSFORMS INTO...UPCHUCK.

221 UPCHUCK
Upchuck! I called it!

And Upchuck leaps toward the Mr. Smoothy, leaving Gwen standing there. She looks left and right and SEES the two Rock Monsters, charging toward her full speed from either direction. She waits until the last moment and then backflips out of the way. They smash into each other.

MR. SMOOTHY

Fires a jet of Smoothy at Upchuck out its straw.

222 UPCHUCK (CONT'D)
This is the fight I was born for!

Upchuck, his mouth wide open, swallows the liquid. He lands atop Mr. Smoothy, grabs the straw, and starts drinking.

223 UPCHUCK (CONT'D)
(SLURPING)

KEVIN

Trying to slow the truck, digging his feet into the street, digging up tracks in the street. He's being shoved toward a building; it'll be a nasty impact if he hits.

GWEN

Effortlessly avoiding the lumbering rock monsters with her agility.

UPCHUCK

Drinking the Mr. Smoothy. Mr. Smoothy is on his stomach, pounding the street, struggling. In a twisted way, it's pretty horrific.

224 MR. SMOOTHY
Stop! Please! I'm half empty!

225 UPCHUCK
Bad attitude! You're half full!

GWEN

Bounds past Charmcaster, who watches with disgust. She whirls to face the Rock Monsters, who stop in their tracks.

226 CHARMCASTER
You two are useless!

Gwen has landed in a crouch.

227 GWEN
You're the one who's useless,
Charmcaster! Can't even take on one
powerless girl! Come on! Hand to
hand! No powers! Just us! Or are
you afraid?

228

CHARMCASTER

Oh, right. And now I get all angry and slug it out with you, and you knock me cold with your karate. So how about instead I just shut you up...forever!

She gestures, unleashing a bolt of blue energy, enveloping Gwen.

229

GWEN

Reverto meus ops mihi!

Charmcaster, bewildered, staggers. The BLUE ENERGY transforms into PINK, and starts drawing the power out of Charmcaster.

230

CHARMCASTER

That spell--! How--?

231

GWEN

I still have your old spellbook!

232

CHARMCASTER

No! You can't take the power back!
It's impossible! I crushed you!

233

GWEN

Your problem is that magic is the only thing you're all about. But for me, magic is only one aspect of who I am. My real power--the person I am--that you could never crush.

The link dissolves between the two of them.

234

CHARMCASTER

Get her, you useless piles of rock!

The monsters advance and Gwen whips up the same vortex that Charmcaster created earlier.

235

GWEN

You're also not the only one who can conjure up dimensional vortexes!

The power of the vortex churns. One of the monsters is immediately hauled in. Charmcaster likewise is, and she grabs onto the second Rock Monster, who has in turn grabbed onto a lamp post to anchor himself.

236

CHARMCASTER

Help me! Help me, you brainless
 boob! Don't let go, you useless
 lump!

The Rock Monster <GROWLS> and deliberately releases its hold on the lamp post. The Rock Monster and Charmcaster are both yanked in.

237

CHARMCASTER (CONT'D)

You did that on purposssssss--!

And then they're gone, the vortex closing.

GWEN

Is staring at the air where the vortex has just vanished.
 Kevin steps INTO FRAME.

238

KEVIN

Good timing. That truck was really giving me problems. It was kind of humiliating.

And suddenly WE HEAR a massive <BLAAUUUGH> sound. Gwen leaps to one side as a massive fountain of undigested Mr. Smoothy lands on Kevin, burying him.

238a

UPCHUCK

<BLAAUUUGH>

239

KEVIN

Obviously just a warm up for *this* humiliation.

We hear the <SLURPING SOUND> of a straw sucking the last of a drink from the bottom of a cup.

UPCHUCK

Standing next to the now empty and unmoving Mr. Smoothy. He <BELCHES>, wipes his mouth, and then the Omnitrix TIMES OUT as he transforms back into a chagrined Ben.

239a

UPCHUCK

<Belch>

240

BEN

Sorry.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. THE BEACH - NIGHT

Kevin emerges from the surf. Ben is seated on the sand.

241 KEVIN
Good idea, Tennyson.

242 BEN
It's the fastest way to get cleaned off.
(beat, explaining)
I'm involved in a lot of spills.

243 KEVIN
Where's Gwen?

244 BEN
Went home. You hurt her pretty bad.

245 KEVIN
I hurt her? I'm the one who looks like this! And she hasn't done a thing about it!

246 BEN
You are a giant, rock-faced jerk.

247 KEVIN
Yeah, whatever.

248 BEN
Not whatever. She's spending every spare moment going through every magic book she can find to try and help you! She's been doing it since the accident.

249 KEVIN
She...? She never told me.

250 BEN
Should she have had to?

Kevin looks mortified as we...

FADE TO BLACK.

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